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Appl. No.

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Confirmation No. 1322

Applicant

STEVE SOMERS

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On April 6, 2006, Applicant timely filed the required issue fee payment for the present application in advance of the April 27, 2006 payment deadline.

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b), Applicant hereby provides notice of the prior mailing on April 6, 2006 for the following reasons: (1) nearly one month has passed since mailing of the issue fee payment; (2) the attorney of record has not received the stamped return receipt postcard included with the issue fee payment; and (3) the USPTO PAIR System does not reflect receipt of the issue fee payment.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b), Applicant requests that submission of the issue fee payment for the present application be considered timely, based on the prior mailing of April 6, 2006. The issue fee payment was deposited by Albert Angelo on April 6, 2006 with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop: Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, and was accompanied by a Section 1.8 Certificate of Mailing signed by Albert Angelo.

As evidence of the prior mailing, Applicant submits herewith as Exhibit A a copy of the documents submitted on April 6, 2006, including:

- 1. Part B-Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85), including Certificate of Mailing signed by Albert Angelo;
- 2. Check #1368 in the amount of \$1700.00;
- Reference copy of "Response to Notice of Allowability: Resubmission of Required Replacement Sheets" originally entered on March 27, 2006;
- 4. Return receipt postcard; and
- 5. Copy of face of envelope, showing USPTO address and suitable postage.

Also submitted herewith as Exhibit B is a statement by Albert Angelo, based on personal knowledge, attesting to the deposit of the items in Exhibit A with the U.S. Postal Service on April 6, 2006, and confirming his signature on the Certificate of Mailing attached to Part B-Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85).

Applicant includes herewith substitute check #1389 for \$1700.00 to apply towards any issue fee and publication fee due for the present application. The

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Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 08-1520, in the name of The Hecker Law Group.

Respectfully submitted,

THE HECKER LAW GROUP

Date: _May 8, 2006

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 27313-1450:

Signature: Sergio F. Chacon

<u>5/08/2006</u> Date